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6. Burmese Foreign Minister reports on Chinese Nationalist troops:

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Ambassador Key in Rangoon reports that the Burmese Foreign Minister, revealing the results of his investigation of the Chinese Nationalist troops in the Kengtung area, stated that: (1) there has been a great increase in their numbers since last summer, (2) they have spread out considerably along the China border, (3) they are well supplied with modern American equipment, and (4) a "considerable number" of Chinese Communist troops are on the frontier.

Expressing his government's concern that the Chinese Communists would lose patience with the situation, the Foreign Minister cited an unconfirmed report that on 25 April Chinese Communist forces had crossed the border in hot pursuit of Nationalist guerrillas and dispersed them on Burmese soil.

While the Burmese Government considers it essential that the Nationalist troops be withdrawn from Burma as rapidly as possible and their supply of arms be stopped at once, the Foreign Minister added that he would give Ambassador Key ample notice of a decision to take recourse to the UN.

(See also item 13 for later report.)

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7. India refuses to re-sell war surplus C-47 Aircraft to US:

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On 30 April, Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs addressed a letter to the US Embassy, New Delhi, stating that it would be impossible for India to re-sell the sixty-one war surplus C-47 aircraft recently requested by the US for the use of its Air Force. The letter also said that only 39 of these aircraft remained and that they were urgently needed in India. Admitting defeat in its efforts to repurchase the planes, the US Department of State has instructed Ambassador

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13. Burmese set three-day deadline before appeal to UN:

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On 5 May, after conferring with Prime Minister Thakin Nu concerning Chinese Nationalist troops in Burma, the Burmese Foreign Minister told Ambassador Key that Burma would not defer an appeal to the UN for more than three days unless, in the meantime, the US could suggest an alternative solution. The Minister added that the Chinese Communist Ambassador had inquired earlier in the day regarding reports that large numbers of Chinese Nationalist troops had recently entered Kengtung from Thailand and asked what action Burma intended to take in the matter. He was told that the intruders were Vietnamese refugees and was assured that Burma would take action to terminate the Nationalist problem in Kengtung.

Ambassador Key comments that the Burmese Government is "fearful almost to the point of hysteria that unless it acts quickly the Chinese Communists may intervene."

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